

Sat. June 12

Dear Mary & Mike,

It has started to shower a bit and it has been a warm day with the temperature in the 80's. The hot weather has begun for the summer and we keep the shades and door closed during the day. At night we open the door and windows, but it will be fall before we get the blankets out again.

It's too bad that you can't visit us, but it is easy to see that Mike could probably work 24 hours/day and still not finish all the jobs for which he is responsible. After Stinkin wins Jim says you will

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all take a break and then you can come and see us. Of course, we may not be here by then but I guess you would be happy to go anywhere. We had a great time showing Mom and Dad around. They are so enthusiastic about seeing and doing things that it was a real pleasure.

The trip to Florida turned out to be a perfect vacation. We stayed with Murray who had lots of ideas about things to do, including the trip to the Bahamas. The beach on Grand Bahama is just like a dream of a tropical island. It has

palm trees, white sand, and  
a reef temperature over 80°.

Our first day we stayed there  
too long and got sunburned  
a bit. Today I am peeling.  
The island has two casinos  
for visitors only - no permanent  
residents allowed inside. They  
are European-style and very  
luxurious as is most of  
this tourist island. Three days  
is about all one can afford  
although the package deal in-  
cluded a free plane ride over  
and a free car while there.  
You should really try to  
get there sometime.

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We are taking it easy today - just reading and drinking beer.  
Last night we went to Washington, ate Japanese food, and went to a show. We are listening to old songs on the radio which makes me nostalgic and think about all the times I heard them before. Also, I am getting restless about moving and think soon I will look for a job in California. We are having a good time in the East but don't want to settle down. Oh, by the way, Vickie found a black widow spider in our woodpile today. They are rather common in this area.

but this was the first we had ever seen. It was quite big and hanging upside down so we could easily see the bright red bangles on the belly. They look like woodpecker so I am afraid there are more around.

Sunday Murray is stopping by on his way to New York for the summer. If he can find a job in the Catskills we will go up there sometime.

In August I hope to take a course in modern fashion in Los Angeles. If it works out, we will get a week out there.

Bye for now — Jim